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NEIL S. BUCKLEW NAMED PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

MISSOULA--

Neil S. Bucklew, provost of Ohio University, Athens, has been named the 14th president of the University of Montana, Missoula, by the Montana Board of Regents. He will take up his duties in mid-August.

Mr. Bucklew succeeds Richard C. Bowers, whose resignation was effective June 30. Mr. Bowers, who came to Montana in 1974, is the top candidate for the position of vice president for academic affairs at the University of Maine, Orono. The Maine trustees are expected to act on the appointment in July.

Mr. Bowers was a finalist for the presidency in Maine a year ago but took himself out of the running because he was reluctant to leave his post at Montana in a legislative year.

As provost of Ohio University for the past five years, Mr. Bucklew served as executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs. In these roles he was responsible for the integration of university-wide program and budget activities as well as for the instructional program of the university. He had responsibility in these areas for the main campus at Athens and five regional campuses.

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John A. Richardson, Montana commissioner of higher education, noted that Mr. Bucklew was a member of the administrative team that designed and executed plans that enabled Ohio University to deal effectively with problems created by tight budgets, declining enrollments and changing patterns of students' curricular wants.

"The University of Montana will benefit immensely from Mr. Bucklew's experience and expertise in planning as well as from his other strengths," Mr. Richardson said.

Mr. Bucklew held administrative positions at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, from 1970 to 1976.

His publications include articles on academic collective bargaining and program planning. He is active on national boards and in professional societies. In 1981-82, he will serve as chairman of the board of directors of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), headquartered at Boulder, Colo.

Mr. Bucklew earned a Ph.D. in industrial relations and economics at the University of Wisconsin, an M.S. in political science at the University of North Carolina and a B.A. in history and literature at the University of Missouri.

He and his wife, JoAnn, are the parents of three children.

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